



WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
JULY 14, 2024 AT TEN O'CLOCK
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

Voluntary: Scherzo from *Symphony No. 4*..... Charles Marie Widor

Welcome.....Shannon Baxter
Please take a moment to let us know you are here today by either filling out the attendance form in the pew or by visiting westendumc.org/attendance. If you are a first-time guest with us today, please share a way to connect so that we can share more information about West End UMC with you!

Introit: Day by Day Harold Friedell

† Processional Hymn No. *TFWS 2009*: O God Beyond All Praising..... Thaxted

† Call to Worship Emily Robbins

Liturgist: There are times and places that invite us into celebration.

People: In those moments, may we dance like David.

Liturgist: The Holy Spirit can surprise us with joy.

People: When that happens, may we dance like David.

Liturgist: We are called to worship God with our whole beings.

People: Today, may we dance like David.

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession

**Holy God,
you call us to be your people, to be the loving light of Christ,
and yet we sometimes forget what that looks like.
We turn our focus inward and miss opportunities to connect with others.
We do our will instead of yours.
Too often when the Holy Spirit moves, we ignore the nudging
and stay still or silent.
Forgive us, God, for the things we have done
and the things we have left undone.
Help us to be more like David; to praise you with our whole beings,
to care for all our neighbors, and to invite others to participate
in the building up of your kin-dom here on earth.**

† Silent Confession

† Words of Assurance

Liturgist: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

† Passing the Peace

Liturgist: As a forgiven and reconciled people, let us exchange signs of reconciliation and love. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

† Gloria Patri.....No. 71

**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

The Sacrament of Baptism

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Liturgist: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child now before you in your care?

People: With God's help, we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this child with a community of love and forgiveness that she may grow in service with others. We will pray for her to be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

† Commendation and Welcome

Liturgist: Members of the household of God, I commend Charlotte Grace to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

People: We give thanks for all that God has already given you, Charlotte Grace, and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant to participate faithfully in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

† Musical Response No. 611, St. 1

**Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign;
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for IlluminationShara Parker
Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit that, as the Scriptures are read and the Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

A Lesson from the Old Testament..... 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12-19

Response to the Lesson

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

† Hymn No. 550: Christ, From Whom All Blessings FlowCanterbury
Children may begin making their way to the front for the Children's Moment during the final verse of the hymn.

Children's Moment

Children's church is located in Scales Chapel, which is down the hall from the sanctuary. If it's your first time, a grown-up should please follow us after the children's moment to drop off. Pick up will at the same location immediately following the service.

Sermon: Just Dance.....Shannon Baxter

† Affirmation of Faith, No. 883 Will McLeane

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made Flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Joys and Concerns of the Church

Salutation

Liturgist: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Liturgist: Let us pray.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory: Give Us a Pure HeartChristopher Willcock

Give us a pure heart that we may see you;

give us a humble heart that we may hear you;

give us a heart of love that we may serve you;

give us a heart of faith that we may live in you.

† Doxology No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 410: I Want a Principle Within..... Gerald

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Spirit of the Living God Daniel Iverson

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me,

spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me,

spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Voluntary: Little Prelude and Fugue in A minor, BWV 543Bach/Krebs

The postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship.

All are invited to remain for a time of joyful prayer.

† *The congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.*

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of the current members and volunteers of the Sunny Day Club and in memory of those who have gone before us. The Sunny Day Club is celebrating 11 years of providing respite care and welcomes new members and volunteers.

The flowers in Reed Hall are given to the glory of God in memory of John Ahner by his loved ones.

Charlotte Grace Couche, daughter of Sara and Steven Couche, is presented for baptism today.

Today's liturgy was written by Reverend Maggie Jarrell.

Music Participants

The Summer Choir

Andrew Risinger: Director / Assisting at Organ

Matthew Phelps: Organist

Today's Music

"I Want a Principle Within," was originally titled, "For a Tender Conscience," in *Hymns and Sacred Poems*, 1749. The hymn was first included in Methodist hymnals in 1788. The tune is adapted from a solo in Louis Spohr's oratorio entitled, *The Last Hours of the Savior*. The solo was sung by Mary, the mother of Jesus, and the melody became popular due to other adaptations—including a choral piece based on Psalm 42.

Bulletin Cover Art

With this collage of photographs, created by Rev. Shannon Baxter, we celebrate the 11th anniversary of The Sunny Day Club, which meets at the church on Mondays from 11 am until 2 pm to provide social interaction, stimulation, and friendship in a caring and safe environment for those experiencing the early stages of memory loss. The weekly sessions also provide respite for the caregivers of those people who attend, giving those caregivers a block of time in which they can run errands, rest, and such. Throughout these eleven years, The Sunny Day Club has clearly served to benefit the patients, the caregivers, and those West End members who volunteer each week.

Description: In this collage, the upper left photograph shows two women, one a Sunny Day Club volunteer and the other a participant, dancing together. The two photographs on its right illustrate two different female Sunny Day Club volunteers dancing with a male participant. The bottom three photographs capture moments of dancing and clapping among four different female Sunny Day Club volunteers and three different female participants.

WEST END STAFF

Members of West End United Methodist Church..... Ministers

Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-Dillon.....Senior Pastor
Rev. Will McLeane.....Spiritual Formation
Rev. Maggie Jarrell.....Children and Families
Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye.....Mercy and Justice
Rev. Shannon Baxter.....Congregational Connection
Rev. Aimee Baxter.....Young Adults
Emily C. Robbins.....Minister of Youth
Thornton Muncher.....Pastoral Intern
Dr. Matthew Phelps.....Minister of Music
Andrew Risinger.....Associate Minister of Music
Nico Zavala.....Music Intern
Melanie Paulson.....Director, HR & Operations
Shelley Kuhlmeier.....Communications Director
Lazaro Kapella.....Church Financial Officer

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Corye Nelson.....Preschool Executive Director
Christina Shoptaw.....Preschool Operations Manager
Cheryl Reeves.....Preschool Curriculum Coordinator
Karina Gurgenzidze.....Childcare Coordinator
Cindy Siemer.....Senior Administrative Assistant
Julie Catterton.....Assistant to Senior Pastor
Andrew Callis.....Administrative Assistant
Tosha Jackson.....Receptionist
Kathryn Ware.....Receptionist
Chase Bencin.....Media Coordinator
Ronnie Franklin.....Building Superintendent
Sam Bady.....Safety and Security Coordinator
Richard Thomas.....Custodian

A WARM WELCOME TO WEST END

Welcome to West End United Methodist Church! We seek to be the loving light of Christ in Nashville and beyond. We gather as the people of God with a wide range of religious backgrounds, education levels, political and theological perspectives, and we value that diversity. We welcome and celebrate the gifts God has given to all without regard to gender identity, race, sexual orientation, economic or family status, ethnicity, or mental or physical ability.

We believe God loves everyone unconditionally!

Scan this QR Code or visit westendumc.org/links to register your attendance with us, find out more about our Sunday Morning Classes, sign up for our weekly email, and learn more about the different ways to give at West End.



PRAYER REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

♦ **Prayer Requests:** Charlotte Sewell and family, Barbara Cragg and family; Sunny Day Club participants who are sick; Kathy Osten; Gina Dixon; individuals in the hospital having procedures, recovering from illness, those in treatment, and the families that are caring for them; those mourning the loss of a loved one; peace in Palestine/Israel, Haiti, Sudan, and Ukraine

If you have an emergency and need to contact one of the pastors after hours, please call 615.321.8500, Ext. 8853. The Pastor-on-Call for July 15-21st will be Rev. Shannon Baxter. To submit a prayer request, visit westendumc.org/prayerrequest.

JULY'S COMMUNION OFFERING :: PRISON MINISTRIES

Money from our communion offering this month will go to support our prison ministries through holiday meals, commissary for those inside, holiday gifts, and needs of those re-entering society after incarceration.

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

Join us today for a fun summer hangout on the West Lawn following worship at 11 a.m. as we enjoy lemonade and each other's company!



CHRISTMAS IN JULY :: JULY 21



Come celebrate "Christmas in July" with us to raise money for West End UMC partner Habitat for Humanity! Immediately following worship, the joyful celebration will begin in the gym at 11 a.m. on July 21. There will be complimentary refreshments, festive games, Christmas caroling, a photo booth with Santa Claus, as well as a donation-based bake sale. All proceeds will go to support the Nashville Chapter of Habitat for Humanity's mission of putting God's love into action to build homes, communities, and hope for all people. Children, young adults, families, and all people are welcome to attend this event. If you are interested in learning more, volunteering during the event, or donating a baked good for the bake sale, contact Thornton Muncher at tmuncher@westendumc.org for more info.

ONE-DAY MEMBERSHIP CLASS :: JULY 21

Anyone who has been interested in becoming a member of the church or would like to brush up on what is going on in the life of the church is welcome to attend! We'll meet in McWhirter Hall following the worship service for about an hour and a half. Lunch will be provided for all who register at westendumc.org/membership.

Better Together

An Intergenerational Sunday School Class

July 14, 21 and 28 ♦ 9-9:55 a.m. // August 4 and 11 ♦ 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Children, youth, and all adults are invited to come together for a space of learning, fellowship, and fun. Using an intergenerational Sunday school model, we will explore stories of our faith, play and laugh, and foster a deeper sense of belonging within our community. Come and see how life is better together! Nursery care and traditional Sunday school are provided for infants through rising Kindergartners.



SUMMER TAIZÉ SERVICE :: JULY 21

Sanctuary ♦ July 21 ♦ 5-6 p.m. - Join us for a contemplative service rooted in the music of the Taizé community of France. Our worship service will include a space for healing prayer. Prior experience with contemplative worship or the music of Taizé is not required to fully engage in our liturgy. All are welcome!

SUMMER FINALE - BIG BAND COOKOUT :: JULY 28

Come hear some great music and eat some delicious cookout-style food! It will be a great way to celebrate our summer together and prepare for more ministry in the fall!

REGISTER NOW FOR CHILDREN'S CHOIRS AND YOUTH MUSIC

It might be summertime, but it's not too early to register for Children's Choir and Youth Bells and Ensemble! We are looking forward to the next season of bells and choirs and would love to have your child or youth join us! Visit westendumc.org/childrenschoirs or westendumc.org/youthmusic to find out more!

**GIVE LIFE
GIVE BLOOD**

**Sunday, July 14
8 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Visit westendumc.org/blooddrive for more info
or scan the QR code to make your appointment.



**BAKE SALE
DONATIONS NEEDED**

We need you to make a sweet treat
for our Bake Sale Fundraiser on
July 21 to benefit Habitat for Humanity

Email tmuncher@westendumc.org to find out more!

Take me out to the BALLGAME

Church Wide Nashville Sounds Baseball Game



Tuesday, July 23 at 7:05 pm

Get your tickets at westendumc.org/baseball

LGBTQIA+ GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Anyone who identifies as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community and is experiencing grief, living or death-related loss, is invited to participate in a new support group being offered in partnership with Nashville Grief. The group meets every two weeks on Mondays at 6 p.m. in the Bishop's Parlor. Registration is required for the event and can be found at www.tinyurl.com/NashvilleGrief. Nashville Grief offers queer-led, secular grief support to the LGBTQIA+ community and is facilitated by Associate Humanist Chaplain Krista Westervelt, MTS (they/she). For more info, email nashvillegrief@gmail.com.

WEST END LUNCH FORUM

A time when any of our church members meet with our Senior Pastor for food, fellowship and conversation, the West End Lunch Forum, meets the first Tuesday of each month at Swett's Cafeteria on 28th Avenue. To receive reminders prior to each lunch date, rsvp at westendumc.org/swettslunchforum.

NEW MOMS GROUP

Do you have a baby? Would you like to meet other new parents at West End UMC? Contact Emma Sholl at emmawickhamsholl@gmail.com to learn more about our New Moms Group.

ACCESSIBILITY IN WORSHIP

♦ **Service Dogs** - On Sundays, we may have congregants with service or guide dogs in worship with us. Please warmly welcome them both but refrain from petting the dog because it is a distraction to the animal while it's working.

♦ **Braille Bulletins** - Also, we are now able to offer braille bulletins for those who may need it to fully participate in our worship service. Please email Andrew Callis at acallis@westendumc.org so we can make those arrangements and have it available for you.

♦ **Adult and Youth Sensory Bags** - We have sensory bags at each sanctuary entrance for adults and youth. If this is a need of yours, feel free to grab a bag and return it to the cart at the end of the service. Our intention is to make our service welcoming for all individuals with the hope that you feel best equipped for a fulfilling worship experience.

♦ **Assistive Listening Devices** - There are assisted listening devices available for anyone who may need them. They can be found in the Narthex or in Reed Hall.



FRIDAY TO SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27-29
BEERSHEBA SPRINGS ASSEMBLY
[WESTENDUMC.ORG/FALLRETREAT24](https://westendumc.org/fallretreat24)



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